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The Russian Peasants.

In his work on "The Future War," the concluding volume of which has been published recently by Doubleday & McClure, New York, Mr. Bloch thus describes the financial slavery and wretchedness of the peasants in many provinces of Russia:

"The economic conditions of our peasants in many of our provinces is heartrending. Their ignorance, their innocence, their simplicity, render them an easy prey to money-lenders, who have in many cases succeeded in establishing a veritable system of slave labor."

"But how could that be?" I asked. "The serfs were emancipated in 1861."

"Yes," said Mr. Bloch, "they were emancipated, but their emancipation without education left them an easy prey to the Kulaks, who advance money upon their labor. A peasant, for instance, has to pay his taxes, say, in winter time, and the Kulak will advance the twenty or thirty roubles which he may have to pay in return for what is called his 'summer labor.' The price of labor in Russia in summer is twice or thrice as much as it is in winter. The Kulak buys the summer labor at the winter rates, and then, having purchased in advance the summer labor of the unfortunate peasant, he collects his chattels in droves and farms them out wherever he can dispose of them. It is veritable slavery. But even this is less terrible than that which can be witnessed in some provinces where parents sell their children to speculators, who buy them up and send them to St. Petersburg and Moscow as calves are sent

to market, where they are sold out for a term of years as apprentices to those who have no scruples against securing cheap labor on those terms.

"No one who has seen anything of the squalor and wretchedness, the struggle with fever and famine, in the rural districts of Russia, especially when there has been a failure of harvest, can be other than passionate to divert for the benefit of the people some of the immense volume of wealth that is spent in preparing for this impossible war. The children of most Russian peasants come into the world almost like brute beasts, without any medical or skilled attendance at childbirth, and they are brought up hard in a way that fortunately you know little of in wealthy England. Can you imagine, for instance," said Mr. Bloch, speaking with great fervor and feeling, "the way in which infants are left inside the homes of most Russian peasants, whose mothers have to leave them to labor in the fields? The child is left alone to roll about the earthen floor of the hut, and as it will cry for hunger, poultices of chewed black bread are tied round its hands and feet, so that the little creature may have something to suck at until its mother comes back from the fields. At every stage in life you find the same deplorable lack of what more prosperous nations regard as indispensable to human existence. In some provinces we have only thirty-seven doctors per million inhabitants, and as for nurses, schoolmasters and other agents of civilization, there are whole vast tracts in which they are absolutely unknown. All this makes our population hardy, no doubt—those who survive. But the infant mortality is frightful, and the life which the survivors lead is very hard and sometimes very terrible."

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